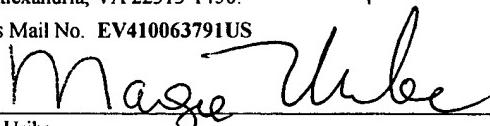


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

An **Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

An **Amendment to the Claims** as reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.